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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW DETAINEE RELEASES

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1. SUMMARY: INT MINISTER BENAVIDES JAN 31 ANNOUNCED RELEASE OF 43 MORE DETAINEES: 26 TO VENEZUELA AND 17 TO ICEM FOR RESETTLEMENT. FIVE ON LIST ARE FROM GROJP OF "DAWSON ISLAND/RITOQUE" SENIOR LEADERS, AND ONE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT 43 ON LIST OF 200 OFFERED TO MEXICO (SANTIAGO 0072) REFUSE TO LEAVE CHILE, AND THAT 70 OF ORIGINAL 100 OFFERED FOR RELEASE IF ACCEPTED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY (SANTIAGO 6859 - 1974), HAVE DEPARTED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 26 DETAINEES RELEASED TO VENEZUELA INCLUDE FIVE FROM RITOQUE: HUGO MIRANDA (RADICAL PARTY - PR), ANSELMO SULE (PR), CARLOS MORALES (PR), CARLOS JORQUERA (SOCIALIST PARTY - PS, ALLENDE'S PRESS SEC), AND JAIME TOHA GONZALEZ (PS-EX-AGRIC MIN).

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3. INISTER ALSO ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF 17 OTHER DETAINEES

TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ECEM),
STATING OTHER COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THEM. NO PROMINENT
FIGURES WERE INCLUDED, BUT SERGIO SANTOS SENORET WAS SUBJECT OF
INTEREST EXPRESSED BY US SENATOR HARRISON WILLIAMS (SANTIAGO 6321).

4. WITH REFERENCE TO 200 DETAINEES GOC OFFERED TO MEXICO,
BENAVIDES SAID 43 DO NOT DESIRE TO LEAVE CHILE AND WILL CON-
SEQUENTLY NOT BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM.

5. CONCERNING ORIGINAL GOC LIST OF 100 DETAINEES ELIGIBLE FOR
RELEASE IF ACCEPTED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, PUBLISHED WEEKS AGO,
MININT STATED 70 HAVE DEPARTED AND THE REMAINDER ARE CURRENTLY
BEING PROCESSED FOR DEPARTURE.

6. BENAVIDES ALSO SAID LIST OF "ALL DETAINEES WHO NOW" CAN BE
ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY WAS BEING TURNED OVER TO APPROPRIATE
ORGANIZATIONS. (WE EXPECT THIS WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL HUNDRED
ADDITIONAL NAMES; DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WILL DEPEND
ON WILLINGNESS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE THEM.)

7. COMMENT: AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW ROUND OF DETAINEE RELEASES
HAD BEEN EXPECTED. LISTS BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE TEL.

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